Quarterly Population Report

Fourth Quarter - 2013

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Alberta's growth spurt continues[1]

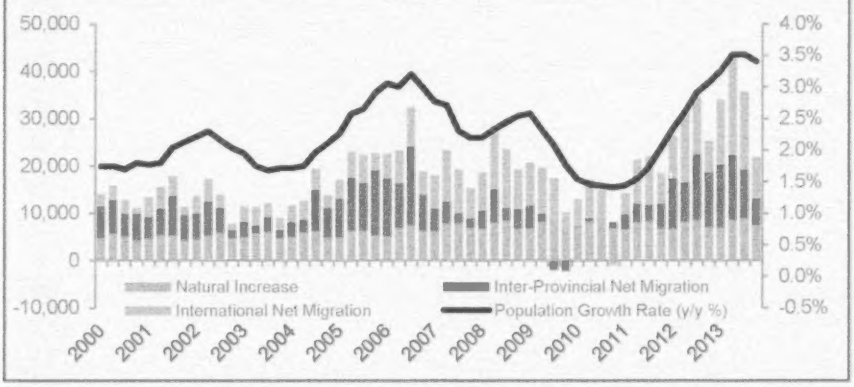
Buoyed by strong migration, Alberta continued its streak as the provincial growth leader for the twelfth consecutive quarter. As of January 1, 2014, the province's population was an estimated 4,082,571. The fourth quarter's growth rate (0.54%) was almost four times the national average (0.14%). Although still very high, Alberta's growth has moderated slightly from the fourth quarter last year. Alberta added 21,852 new residents in the last three months of 2013, by far the largest population gain of any jurisdiction. The next highest gain was Ontario's 12,789 new residents.

1 All data are from Statistics Canada. Estimates from 2007-2013 are based on the 2011 Census adjusted for net census undercount and incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves. All estimates are subject to revision.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, CANADA & ALBERTA

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
1-Jan	Canada	Alberta	1-Jan	Canada	Alberta
2009	33,427,285	3,638,623	2009	1.14%	2.53%
2010	33,807,668	3,702,578	2010	1.14%	1.76%
2011	34,165,913	3,754,621	2011	1.06%	1.41%
2012	34,542,673	3,830,778	2012	1.10%	2.03%
2013	34,940,975	3,948,242	2013	1.15%	3.07%
2014	35,344,962	4,082,571	2014	1.16%	3.40%

FIGURE 1: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, 4TH QUARTER



Year-over-year, Alberta's population growth of 3.4%[2] led the country and was the highest calendar year growth since 1982 (3.9%). The province's year-over year growth rates have been above 3% for the last five consecutive quarters. Besides Alberta, Saskatchewan was the only other province whose growth outpaced the national average of 1.2% this quarter.

Migration

Migration continues to boost Alberta's population, accounting for two-thirds of the growth in the fourth quarter. The province welcomed almost 14,500 net migrants from other parts of Canada and the world, representing the third highest fourth quarter gain on record.

Interprovincial migration

At 5,663, Alberta had the strongest net inflow of interprovincial migrants in the country, although it was only about half the level the province attracted in the fourth quarter last year. Despite this moderating trend, interprovincial migration accounted for about 25% of the population growth in the fourth quarter. With the exception of Nova Scotia, all other provinces experienced net outflows over the quarter. The largest outflows were experienced by Quebec (-2,729), Manitoba (-783) and British Columbia (-721). Most of Alberta's net migrants came from Ontario (2,590), Quebec (1,028) and British Columbia (884).

2 this growth represents year-over-year variation (Jan 1)

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014 & GROWTH RATES SINCE JANUARY 1, 2013

	Canada	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Population	35,344,962	526,896	145,211	940,592	755,464	8,179,712	13,598,676	1,272,062	1,117,503	4,082,571	4,609,946	36,586	43,641	36,102
Growth Rate	1.16%	-0.16%	0.17%	-0.32%	-0.10%	0.79%	0.92%	1.12%	1.83%	3.40%	1.12%	0.45%	-0.07%	2.73%

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Net International Migration

Alberta attracted 14.7% of all immigrant landings in Canada in the fourth quarter, the highest share since the early 1980s. Alberta's gain comes mainly at the expense of Ontario, whose attraction of immigrants has been trending downward since the early 2000s. At 8,814 the number of immigrants remained high, although it was down slightly from last year's record high fourth quarter level. Alberta saw a positive flow of non-permanent residents (NPR)[3] in the final three months of the year, the first fourth quarter net inflow since 2008. All in all, net international migration contributed 8,749 new Albertans for the strongest fourth quarter showing on record.

3 For more details on non-permanent resident programs or policies contact Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

NATURAL INCREASE

During the fourth quarter of 2013, Alberta posted a natural increase of 7,440, the result of 13,248 births and 5,808 deaths. Often overshadowed by the dramatic ups and downs of migration, natural increase has been a significant and steady contributor to Alberta's growth. The provincial population grew by 0.18% in the fourth quarter due to natural increase alone. Even with no migration, Alberta's growth would have outpaced the national rate, as well as the quarterly growth of all provinces with the exception of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

TABLE 3: ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

Origin \ Destination	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
NL	0	34	175	101	105	321	27	40	535	42	0	0	0
PEI	4	0	48	111	40	247	0	26	145	28	5	0	0
NS	97	28	0	289	127	947	19	102	675	155	0	26	0
NB	60	64	406	0	249	634	22	0	715	144	0	0	0
QC	45	28	148	170	0	4,447	129	80	1,549	447	27	0	51
ON	403	138	973	602	2,532	0	740	618	5,789	2,089	40	0	0
MB	5	0	56	25	113	729	0	531	1,011	617	0	0	19
SK	17	0	45	44	94	707	325	0	1,859	622	0	23	0
AB	474	64	546	363	521	3,199	724	1,642	0	4,163	11	78	29
BC	15	27	310	91	523	2,123	323	532	5,047	0	111	69	32
YT	0	0	0	0	55	122	0	19	20	145	0	41	0
NWT	0	0	11	0	12	29	0	9	122	30	42	0	7
NVT	0	0	18	0	21	41	14	0	10	0	0	12	0

	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
IN	1,120	383	2,736	1,796	4,392	13,546	2,323	3,599	17,477	8,482	236	249	138
OUT	1,380	654	2,465	2,294	7,121	13,924	3,106	3,736	11,814	9,203	402	262	116
NET	-260	-271	271	-498	-2,729	-378	-783	-137	5,663	-721	-166	-13	22

Q4 2013	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Outflow to AB	535	145	675	715	1,549	5,789	1,011	1,859	0	5,047	20	122	10
Inflow from AB	474	64	546	363	521	3,199	724	1,642	0	4,163	11	78	29
Net Flow to AB	61	81	129	352	1,028	2,590	287	217	0	884	9	44	-19

Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of "...persons who are lawfully in Canada on a temporary basis under the authority of a temporary resident permit, along with members of their family living with them. Non-permanent residents (NPR) include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population and other temporary residents. The humanitarian population includes refugee claimants and temporary residents who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian grounds and are not categorized as either foreign workers or foreign students."

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF GROWTH BY QUARTER

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total*
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2009-10													
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	-2,020	7,585	2,280	2,040	695	1,444	8,574	6,554	13,697	4,887	15,364
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	-2,202	5,929	-1,486	1,279	483	695	3,376	1,174	12,397	5,576	7,995
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	148	6,762	-126	1,247	476	669	5,582	5,730	12,263	5,178	12,815
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	803	9,729	-668	1,531	630	1,216	8,116	8,919	13,165	5,029	17,055
Total	**57,958**	**61,229**	**-3,271**	**30,005**	**0**	**6,097**	**2,284**	**4,024**	**25,648**	**22,377**	**51,522**	**20,670**	**53,229**
2010-11													
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,792	2,165	710	1,942	6,760	6,759	13,218	5,110	14,867
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,610	1,511	475	868	-1,061	269	12,222	5,438	7,053
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-309	1,607	471	852	4,381	7,541	12,203	5,582	14,162
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,460	1,459	628	1,569	9,331	13,285	13,210	5,176	21,319
Total	**63,975**	**55,532**	**8,443**	**30,457**	**-7,251**	**6,742**	**2,284**	**5,231**	**19,411**	**27,854**	**50,853**	**21,306**	**57,401**
2011-12													
Jul-Sep	20,972	17,495	3,477	8,970	2,310	2,169	710	1,942	10,343	13,820	13,404	5,117	22,107
Oct-Dec	14,677	9,560	5,117	7,690	-71	1,514	475	868	6,498	11,615	12,223	5,358	18,480
Jan-Mar	21,569	10,849	10,720	7,520	2,512	1,611	471	852	8,802	19,522	12,475	5,787	26,210
Apr-Jun	23,619	15,281	8,338	10,386	5,334	1,462	628	1,569	15,199	23,537	13,583	5,369	31,751
Total	**80,837**	**53,185**	**27,652**	**34,566**	**10,085**	**6,756**	**2,284**	**5,231**	**40,842**	**68,494**	**51,685**	**21,631**	**98,548**
2012-13													
Jul-Sep	31,963	18,048	13,915	9,086	3,700	2,177	710	1,942	11,841	25,756	13,834	5,313	34,277
Oct-Dec	19,910	8,377	11,533	9,103	-1,386	1,519	475	868	6,591	18,124	12,669	5,567	25,226
Jan-Mar	26,714	13,276	13,438	8,094	6,774	1,617	471	852	13,632	27,070	12,946	6,018	33,998
Apr-Jun	34,229	20,438	13,791	10,543	10,472	1,469	628	1,569	20,487	34,278	14,136	5,580	42,834
Total	**112,816**	**60,139**	**52,677**	**36,826**	**19,560**	**6,782**	**2,284**	**5,231**	**52,551**	**105,228**	**53,585**	**22,478**	**136,335**
2013-14													
Jul-Sep	26,616	16,347	10,269	9,168	8,213	2,177	710	1,942	16,436	26,705	14,483	5,543	35,645
Oct-Dec	17,477	11,814	5,663	8,814	1,061	1,519	475	868	8,749	14,412	13,248	5,808	21,852
Jan-Mar	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	**44,093**	**28,161**	**15,932**	**17,982**	**9,274**	**3,696**	**1,185**	**2,810**	**25,185**	**41,117**	**27,731**	**11,351**	**57,497**

* The sum of the components may not equal the total quarterly population change due to differences in the methods used to derive intercensal and post censal estimates.